

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2006
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Fields was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse and Elizabeth Gist, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the June 20, 2006 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Yesterday I had the distinct pleasure to be asked by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns to participate with a group of mayors from Brazil and Scottsburg, and town managers from Fishers and McCordsville to meet with a delegation of mayors from Israel and Palestine, who were interested in how smaller cities and towns operate. They were interested in discussing new and innovative ways to administer themselves, challenges we are facing and opportunities of collaboration as a group to seek economic development and sister city relationships. The discussions were extremely informative and with the exception of the turmoil that exists now between the two countries. I learned the problem in running a municipal government is not unlike it is in America. I thank IACT for inviting Rushville to participate in this community roundtable.
- As I released to the media, Main Street at the Railroad tracks on 4th Street will be closed starting July 24th through July 28th. The reason for the closing is to install a much needed rail crossing at that intersection. It will also be necessary to close 4th Street from Main to Perkins Street on the north side so that they can build a section of track and then install it.
- During our summer concert series, Carla Sharpe, in her capacity as Park Board secretary and as my secretary, was asked to assist at the events to coordinate setting up and removing equipment and various other duties. This has caused her to incur hours over her normal work schedule. There is money in the park department secretary line item to pay her, but when the line item was created the City Council ruled it could only be used for her taking minutes at the park meetings. I would like Council to consider changing the language to include these additional duties. Byrne made a

motion to pay Sharpe for the after hour duties at the Mayor's discretion. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Salaries 2007 – Sheehan suggested starting with a 5% pay increase for 2007 with the possibility that this amount may be reduced if necessary.

Boys & Girls Club & ECDC Donations 2007 – Council agreed to put in \$10,000.00 for the Boys & Girls Club donation, but if necessary it may be cut.

They also agreed to put in \$75,000.00 for ECDC donation, but that could be cut also if the budget numbers are too high. Pavey said he was okay with this increase if it was to equalize the edit money for the ECDC, but otherwise he would object.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * *

Pavey said at the last fiber meeting the County requested a joint meeting at the next City Council meeting to discuss the fiber.

COMMITTEE REPORTS * * *

Jack Harmon reported for the safety committee that they met regarding a complaint in the 1000 block of North Maple Street. The complaint was that people were driving on resident's property because of low curbs. The resident was requesting no parking on one side of the street. They did a survey of the area residents. Six surveys were returned. The committee will talk to the Street Commissioner when he returns from vacation.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge handed out monthly reports.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

1. Bridges received a complaint about wood burning stoves. Which normally is not a concern since they are usually used only in the winter. A resident is using a wood burning stove in his garage to heat water. This has been addressed by the APC. Bridges also contacted

IDEM and legislatures. Harmon checked with the Office of Air Quality. There have been preliminary studies. IDEM has a proposed rule which they are currently in the process of posting a second public comment session.

2. Skateboarding is becoming a problem again. Some people are using downtown parking lots to skateboard. Newhouse will review the current ordinance for possible revisions.
3. Bridges received a request for a stop sign at Rivercrest and Willard Avenue. This will be referred to the Traffic Safety Committee.
4. Sheehan asked for copies of any correspondence sent to the newly annexed residents. He has had questions regarding the price for hook up. Jeff Peters said a letter was sent explaining the steps as to what needs to be done for the water hook up. Peters said the normal cost is \$900.00, but that has been reduced to \$750.00 and there could possibly be a further reduction. Newhouse said resident questions should be referred to Les Day.
5. Pavey had a request for a stop sign to slow down traffic where old 3 cuts through Circleville by French Insurance. Fudge said he thought there was a stop sign there, but may have been removed during construction. Fudge will check on the matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Housing Rehab Administration Contract – The housing rehab application is due to be submitted by August 1st. Deb Lilly presented Resolution 2006-17 authorizing the submittal of the grant application. Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-17. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was also noted that Jack Harmon will be able to do the lead paint inspections and this will be considered in-kind monies.

Council Library Board Appointment – Pavey made a motion to appoint Tim Yazel as the Council's Library Board appointment. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Annexation Claims – Byrne made a motion to approve the annexation claims in the amount of \$319,410.37. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CUZ Hearing Discussion – Brad Buening from Indiana Farm Bureau gave some ideas regarding the CUZ and offered his expertise. Brad has experience in land planning. The CUZ matter is set for a hearing on Thursday evening. Bridges recommended that Council support Brad. Pavey was concerned about leaving the matter open ended. He asked Buening to report back to Council

within 60 days. Pavey made a motion to cancel the hearing scheduled on Thursday on the CUZ. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pavey made a motion that the attorneys meet and set up an advisory planning board. Sheehan seconded the motion. Byrne asked why we're wasting time if we're just looking at a proposal. He said either do the advisory board or leave it alone. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2006-14 Amending Traffic Regulations as to 1-Way Street & Alley - Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2006-14. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2006-15 Amending Parking Schedules – McGowan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2006-15. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Quotes for Skid Loader – There was a question on how the specs read on the bid for the skid loader. Byrne said he did not understand why we didn't just take the lowest bid. Bridges said Bennett had commented that it did not have some of the features the other one had. Sheehan made a motion to table the discussion until the Street Commissioner returned. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Memorandum of Understanding Health Department – Pavey made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Rush County Health Department. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Change Order #2 Phase C Annexation – Byrne made a motion to approve Change Order #2 for Phase C for a net increase of \$322.42. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Change Order #4 Phase A Annexation – Pavey made a motion to approve Change Order #4 for Phase C. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Change Order #5 Phase B Annexation – There was some question in the language Brackney wished to have added to the change order. Brackney was asking for a 90 day time extension, but also wanted the following sentence added to the change order: **"we reserve the right for discussion of the hurricane, pvc pipe and asphalt."** Jeff Peters said he was afraid this could also mean a price increase and thought the language should be removed. After

lengthy discussion Pavey made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting and allow some time for further review of the matter. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Quotes for Concrete Floor at Animal Shelter – The following 2 quotes were received:

1. D.O. Corn = \$1,600.00
2. Truster Building = \$2,820.00

There was some question by Council as to exactly what Corn's bid included. Neither of the bids included the cement, which was \$2,379.00 this would also include color. Byrne made a motion to approve Corn's bid, but to first get clarification that it included everything that was requested. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Byrne also made a motion to approve the cost of the concrete including the color. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Which included 3 additional claims. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council, McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER